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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Statistical Commission held its forty-sixth session at United Nations Headquarters from 3 to 6 March 2015. The Commission held six meetings.

B. Attendance

2. The session was attended by the representatives of the 24 States members of the Commission. Also in attendance were observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States, representatives of United Nations system organizations and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations. A list of participants is available from the Commission's website (see para. 7).

C. Election of officers

3. At its 1st meeting, on 3 March, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chair:
John Pullinger (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Vice-Chairs:
Gabriella Vukovich (Hungary)
Ma Jiantang (China)
Aubrey Browne (Barbados)

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D. Agenda and organization of work

4. Also at its 1st meeting, on 3 March, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/CN.3/2015/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Items for discussion and decision:
   - (a) Data in support of the post-2015 development agenda:
     - (i) Broader measures of progress;
     - (ii) Emerging issue: the data revolution;
     - (iii) Big data;
     - (iv) Transformative agenda for official statistics;
   - (b) Population and housing censuses;
   - (c) Crime statistics;
   - (d) Refugee statistics;
   - (e) Household surveys;
   - (f) National accounts;
   - (g) International trade and economic globalization statistics;
   - (h) Environmental-economic accounting;
   - (i) International Comparison Programme;
   - (j) Agriculture and rural statistics;
   - (k) Governance, peace and security statistics;
   - (l) Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics;
   - (m) Regional statistical development in Latin America and the Caribbean.
4. Items for information:
   - (a) Health statistics;
   - (b) Gender statistics;
   - (c) Civil registration and vital statistics;
   - (d) Business registers;
   - (e) Service statistics;
   - (f) Finance statistics;
   - (g) Environment statistics;
   - (h) Statistics for economies based on natural resources;
   - (i) World Statistics Day;

(j) Coordination of statistical programmes;

(k) Statistics of human development;

(l) International statistical classifications;

(m) Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata;

(n) Statistical capacity-building;

(o) Development indicators;

(p) Integration of statistical and geospatial information;

(q) Follow-up to policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council.

5. Programme questions (Statistics Division).

6. Provisional agenda and dates for the forty-seventh session of the Commission.

7. Report of the Commission on its forty-sixth session.

5. At the same meeting, the Commission approved the provisional programme of work and timetable of the session (E/CN.3/2015/L.1).

6. Also at its 1st meeting, the Commission invited the following organizations to participate as observers in its forty-sixth session: the European Free Trade Association; the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa; and the Observatoire économique et statistique d'afrique subsaharienne.

E. Documentation

7. The documents before the Commission at its forty-sixth session are available from http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/commission46th_session.htm.